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SUBJECT: JORDAN PUBLISHES GIST OF KING'S LETTER TO
PRESIDENT, LAYS DOWN PUBLIC MARKER ON GAZA WITHDRAWAL

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¶1. (U) The semi-official Arabic-language daily al-Ra'i on
April 12 summarized a letter from King Abdullah to President
Bush stating Jordan's support for the President's vision of a
two-state solution as the only acceptable means for ending
the Palestinian-Israeli conflict and achieving stability in
the region. According to the summary of the letter, King
Abdullah emphasized that the Israeli withdrawal from Gaza
must be part of the roadmap, not a substitute for it. He
also called for a Security Council resolution to support
establishment of an independent Palestinian state beside
Israel. Finally, the King expressed his hope that the
international community can agree upon a plan to help the
Palestinians rebuild their institutions. He added that
Jordan will do its utmost to support Palestinian efforts to
rebuild their capabilities to enable them to assume effective
control of Gaza after the Israeli withdrawal.

¶2. (C) The press synopsis mirrors, but does not repeat
verbatim, the actual letter, a copy of which the Palace
provided to the Ambassador on April 8 (ref). Of note, the
press summary does not mention King Abdullah's concerns about
Israel's requests for U.S. assurances on border demarcation
and refugee issues, as conveyed in the letter. The
Jordanians did not inform us in advance that they intended to
share the substance of this letter with the press. We view
it as an attempt by the GOJ to lay down a marker with its
public on this issue in advance of King Abdullah's visit to
Washington.

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